

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 101 without my signature.

This bill would require elections officials to notify vote-by-mail (VBM) voters that their ballots must be received before the polls close on Election Day in order for their ballots to be counted.

While I support the author's intent, I believe this will result in additional costs to local governments. Given the ability of counties to voluntarily notify voters of the deadline, a statewide mandate is unnecessary. I encourage counties to consider implementing the provisions of this bill if their resources allow, but in this time of fiscal constraint, cannot support mandating them to do so.

Therefore, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger